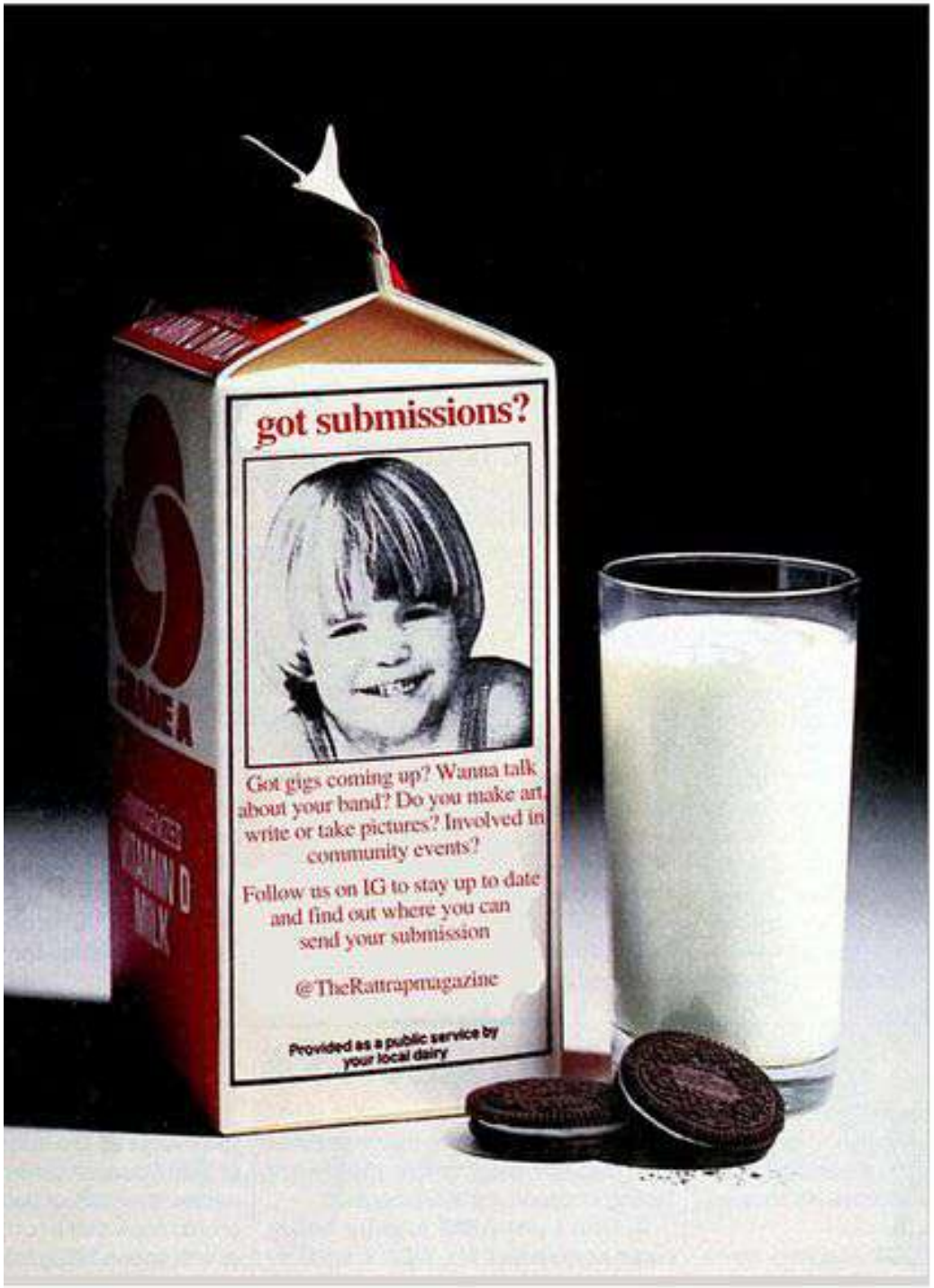
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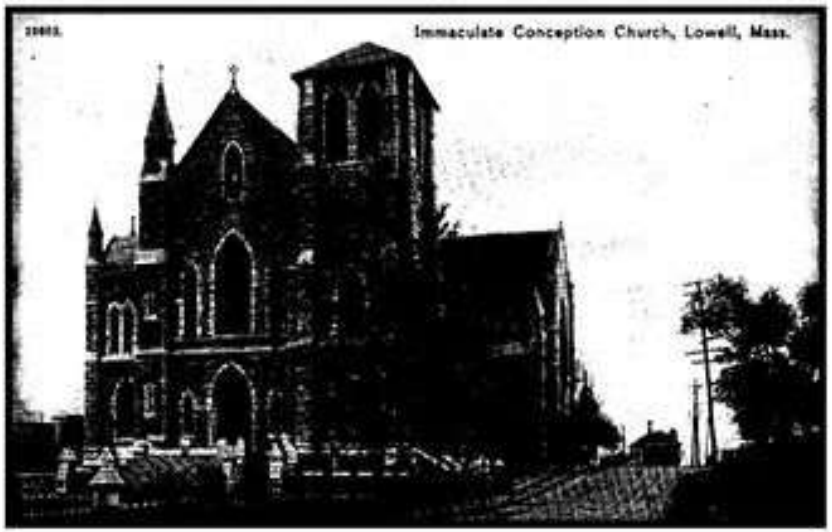

Volume 4

Welcome

Thank you for taking the time to check out the new rat trap, I have recently taken over this operation and hope to serve the community well. I hope you enjoy this issue!

- Your favourite fool, Jason R

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Events

7/18 Joechella 2: Mold, Sludge, Toboggan Fiasco @The Vally Lowell ma

7/19 Joechella 2: Tysk Tysk Task, Hazel Adeline, Oddie, Felicity's Hubris @Thirsty first Lowell ma

7/19 Root Beer Fest: Stringhead, Bubble scary, Mossboy, Sludge, Kitchen, Posthumous, Toboggan Fiasco, Target Scammers, Summers in Autumn, PABGAF @rootbearheaven 4 details

7/22 Halloween in July: Nurse joy, Jules Dasey + more @Manray

7/23 Roisins Bday: Ruby Red, MOLD, Roaches, Sludge, The P.A.'s FREE @ Top donut Lowell ma

7/25 KO Queen, Nurse joy, Jules Dasey, GIDGMSW Ive Never Been here Before @CCC Cambridge

7/26 The Vinteros, Subject Bloom, Archangle, Showgirl, DowsingRod @Dudsdungeon

7/27 ASkySoBlack, Dime. In 2 Again, Tripwire @arlington VFW

8/1 Gross Girls, Stay At Home Dads, Oddie @CCC Cambridge

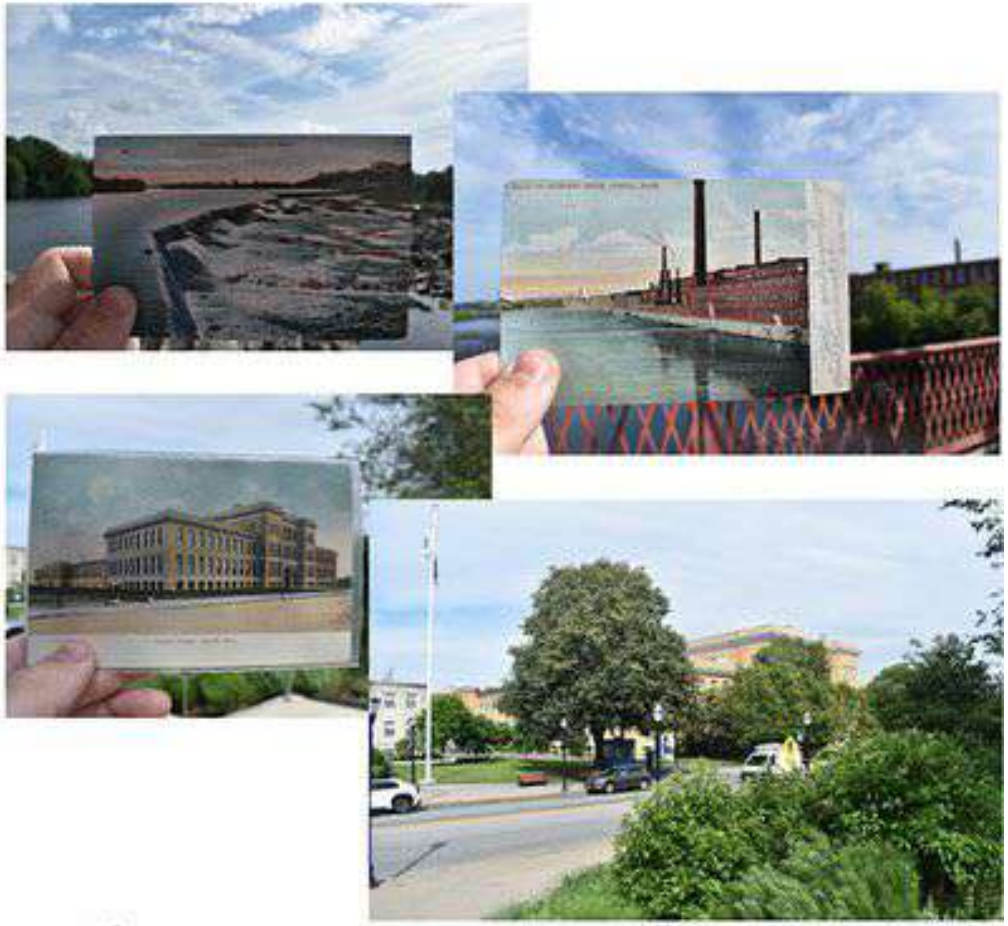
8/2 King Ralphs Rennaissance Fair, 21+ Worcster MA

hell for some

heaven for others

The end of a venue

At the end of the day it was just a house. But that house is where memorys were made, friends were lost and found, love sparked, music boomed and as many assholes moshed as far as the eye could see. Many people had the sentiment that this town is changing with the loss of Tangos but its always been changing. Your community doesnt disappear the moment one door closes, you just need to find a new door. If you look far and wide you'll find your people. Lowell isnt dead, expect the uniexpected.
I hope to see you around.



"Tiny dots on a endless timeline"

Untitled #1
By Anne Marie Vaudo

Don't start anything new
Until each loose end is tied straight-
I had to soak for three days straight just to get the smell off.
Fast for three days straight.
I hung my head real low and had a night of restlessness, one that would be the first of a week's worth.
All I kept thinking about was how
Monica told me she left the South
After a drive-by in the Wendy's drive-thru.
And if the bullet had gone through to the kitchen she'd be dead.
So I don't question her anymore or anyone else for that matter.

Never too close to the sun.
Too many things come between what was never mine to keep
And now I just don't know why I ever stopped walking
To look around at things I know I never wanted.
How if I had that one thing
To prove that I had eradicated the creature of habit.

Nothing in me was predetermined but this will to keep the heart preserved.
Unbroken, untouched sacrilege organ.
A cheek against the bed.
The hurricane moving farther.
So I can love the easy way, even without proper evidence.
So I can stay in love, no matter the measures.

Watch the whirlpool go, go
Then stop forever.

Christening of the iphone 13

Because at first it's wanting to stay.
It's wanting to say
"And then that makes two of us" -
It sounds like the most right

It closes the gap between feeling alien and whole
Feeling understood by just yourself but then also not at all

And grief leaves-
It does that, you know-
After he takes me far from home.
Not as far as I thought or wanted.
Far enough to know it's where my heart was not
And farther was where I needed to go

I can't even remember when he was here now.
But I'm close enough to still remember why.
I'm remorseful by myself.
My heart gets heavy speculating
If peace is just for the domestic.
And could you ever get with that?

In some awful sleep I dream of you again.
The every man.
And it's because I never had a sister.
My mother bore none
And each one I found on my own
Was unforgiving, nameless and sweet.

At arms length I preserved kickflipping and backstreets.
Bruised myself on something that's more green
For a kid wanting to go fast.
Sweet ember, more than what I always had.

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Band spotlights

TORUGGAN FIASCO

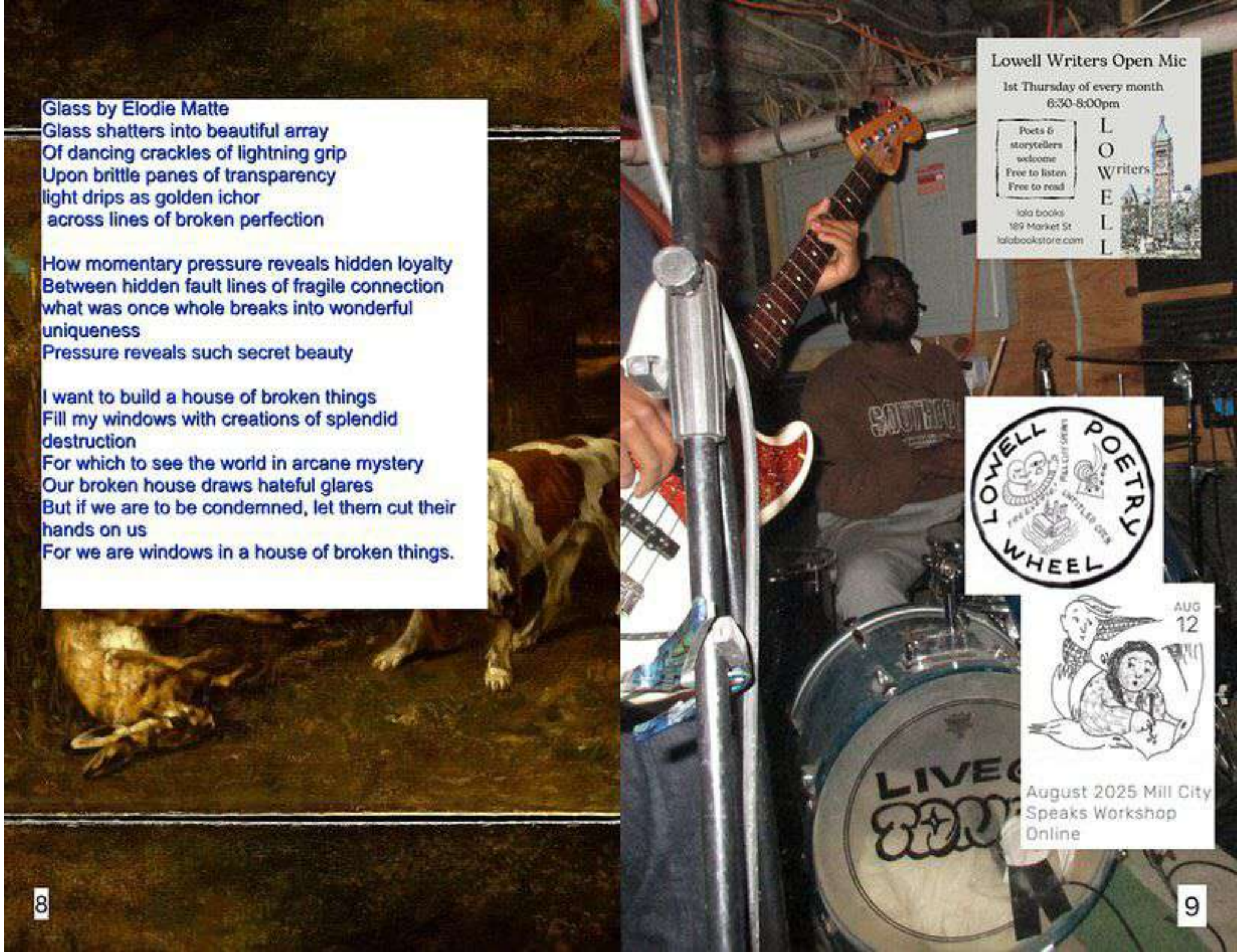
Christopher

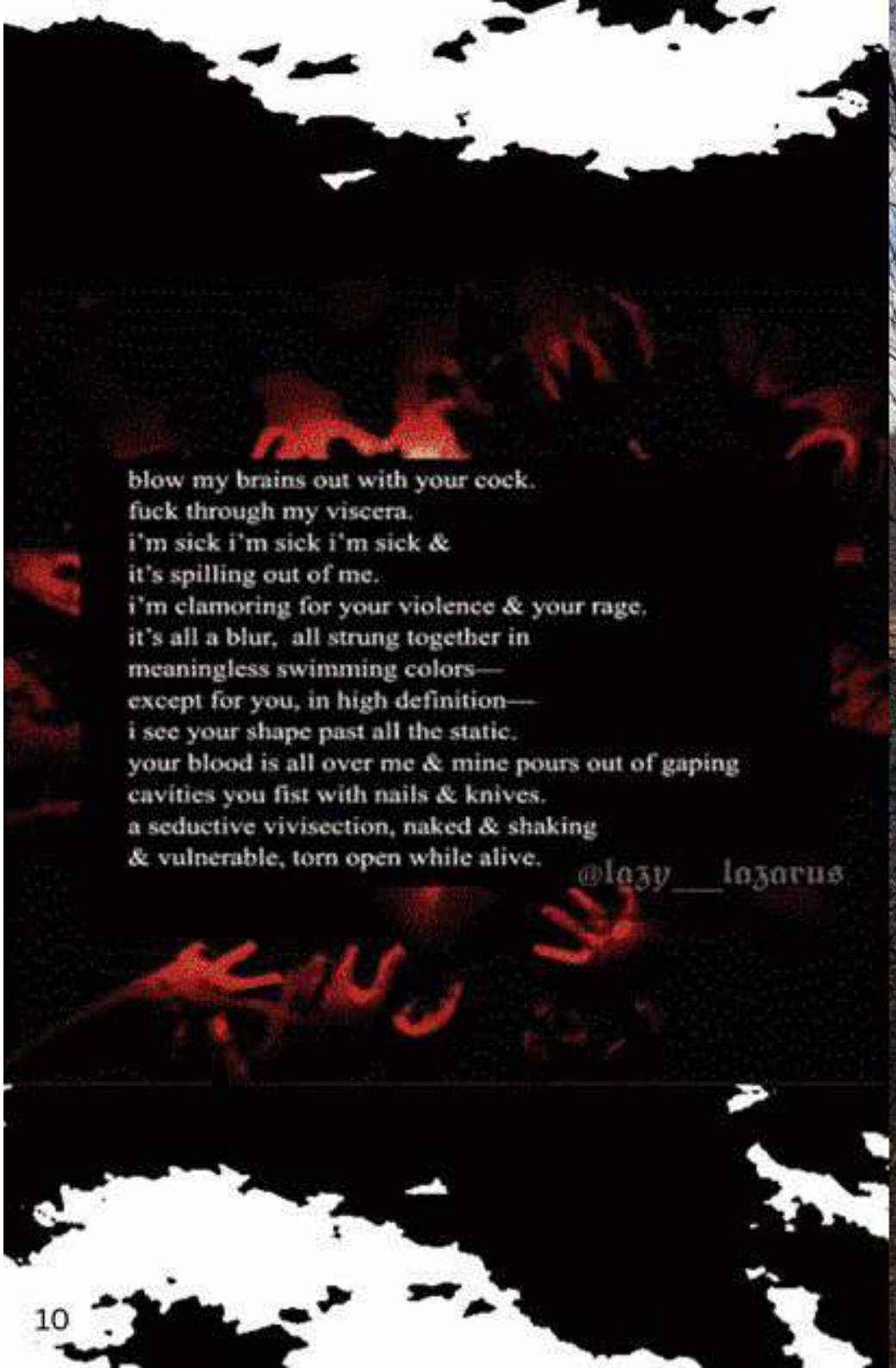
I Have No Mouth

Glass by Elodie Matte
Glass shatters into beautiful array
Of dancing crackles of lightning grip
Upon brittle panes of transparency
light drips as golden ichor
across lines of broken perfection

How momentary pressure reveals hidden loyalty
Between hidden fault lines of fragile connection
what was once whole breaks into wonderful uniqueness
Pressure reveals such secret beauty

I want to build a house of broken things
Fill my windows with creations of splendid destruction
For which to see the world in arcane mystery
Our broken house draws hateful glares
But if we are to be condemned, let them cut their hands on us
For we are windows in a house of broken things.




blow my brains out with your cock.
fuck through my viscera.
i'm sick i'm sick i'm sick &
it's spilling out of me.
i'm clamoring for your violence & your rage.
it's all a blur, all strung together in
meaningless swimming colors—
except for you, in high definition—
i see your shape past all the static.
your blood is all over me & mine pours out of gaping
cavities you fist with nails & knives.
a seductive vivisection, naked & shaking
& vulnerable, torn open while alive.
@lazy___lazarus

Sometimes I think there's nothing beyond the sky
Like were all wrapped in a big blanket of blue
and honey flavored whiskey
Dirt under my fingers
Cobblestone cracks in my skin
It was always so dirty with you.
You are my only limit.

Staring at your most intimate photos for tonight
The one where your dicks in my mouth, hand on my head. I remember looking up at you, scared. I knew you could have crushed my skull right there and then. My brain matter splattered all over your hands your groin.
I think then, you'd finally understand why I had to leave. To have my blood on your skin. It was something I always dreamed about.
Soft, silky, smooth, Warm.
Just how you liked me.

What if I'm not really destined for greatness.
Only to eat fast food and watch myth busters all day in your bed. I could get fat. I could carry your children and we could all be fat.

Tonight I replace your blood with whiskey.
And as the smooth tainted tones burn the back of my throat and into my tummy I will finally be free of you.
Cleansing my womb of any last drop of your semen.

@pureposer FGH

The biggest and worst coverup of the 20th century, **Epstein**

Since early 2019 we have seen posters, billboards and countless stories about Jeffery Epstein and his horrific acts and sex ring. Now 6 years later we know almost nothing more, but during this time we have been drip fed countless tales how once this got out it would change the world. Information that was said would be given to us years ago has now been in the hands of two presidents of 2 different partys yet nothing has been shared, it almosts like both partys seem to not want this information out I wonder why. Espeically when we have been told directly that items such of a client list exist and now it was apparently a one man operation where Epstein traffic children to himself? There has to be something more.

In febuary when the attory general was asked about thepstein client list by FOX news she responded "It's sitting on my desk right now to review. That's been a directive by President Trump.".

And now we are just supposed to sit back and do nothing when the FBI come out and says there is no list? They think we are dumb animals who can be controled.

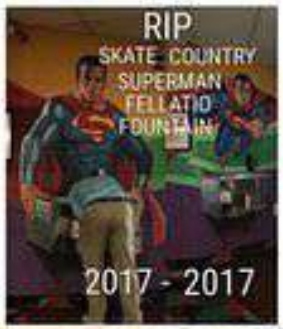
The FBI has said that Epstein has traffic and moved more than 250 victims, and they are pushing the narritive he was a lone operative. But what is more important than putting politicans behind bars its about getting justice for those lives hes hurt.

The epstein cases have shown that we are a nation the protects the rich, and defiles the poor. The governent is not your friend and they will never be your friend. We must seek justice and constiantly remind ourselves about the trevastys the government has caused but also covered up. We the people must stay hand and hand to protect each other and hold those repsonsible because the government won't.

Epstein didn't Kill himself

NO CROWNS NO KINGS

Funnies



TO JAM OUT WITH YA CLAM OUT OR ROCK OUT WITH YA COCK OUT IS THE QUESTION OF THE NIGHT

the wood chipper fight is coming

Goodbye

Volunteer and contribute resources to LLAMA Mutual Aid Group @lowellmutualaid on IG and Facebook

to find more local resources visit mass.gov/info-details/harm-reduction-program-locator to see local location to get test stripes narcan and other aid across Mass.

HIV/STI Screening & Treatment
located at the lowell community health center
monday-friday 830-430

WE HAVE A WEBSITE check our instagram bio to find it there you can find upcoming shows and all previous issues!

Hi MA friends! Lawyers for Civil Rights (Boston Based) is launching an immigrant defense hotline today. 617-988-0606 to provide same day legal aid/advice regarding imminent threats related to raids.

Any lawyers in the area- they are offering training to any volunteers who would like to offer pro-bono services!

hotline@lawyersforcivilrights.org

Feel free to screenshot and spread the word!